

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A process for producing a taste-masked composition comprising an ionic active compound and a functionalized polymer matrix, said process comprising the steps of loading said functionalized polymer matrix with said active compound to produce a loaded matrix, and washing said loaded matrix with a nonpolar solvent.
2. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein the ionic active compound is a basic active compound and the functionalized polymer matrix is a polymeric matrix having anionic functional groups.
3. (previously submitted) The process of claim 1, wherein the nonpolar solvent used for washing the loaded matrix is a solvent having a polarity index less than 5.
4. (original) The process of claim 3 wherein said solvent has a polarity index less than 3.
5. (original) The process of claim 3 wherein said solvent has a polarity index less than 1.
6. (previously submitted) The process according to claim 1, wherein said nonpolar solvent is selected from the group consisting of pentane, hexane, heptane, octane, cyclopentane, cyclohexane, methyl cyclohexane, ethyl cyclohexane, and carbon disulfide.
7. (previously submitted) The process according to claim 2, wherein the polymeric matrix having anionic functional groups used is a hydrogen form cation exchange resin, and wherein the active-loaded hydrogen form cation exchange resin obtained is further neutralized with a metal ion.
8. (original) The process of claim 7 wherein said metal ion is sodium or potassium.
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